

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 04 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 05 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 03 Oct 2023 at 14:29 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a very wet spell of weather, low for any improvement over the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 04 Oct 2023: Cloudy with heavy rain affecting most places in the morning and early afternoon then brightening from the north later with gales easing.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 04 Oct 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms

Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

High Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

High Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Fog	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
50%	90%	60%	80%	90%	30%	20%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 04 Oct 2023

Weather: Showers soon merging into longer spells of heavy rain in the early hours. Arran may dry up for a time in the morning but further heavy rain will affect areas further north, with the chance of thunder. During the afternoon the heaviest rain will sink south returning to Arran while Lochaber Argyll and the Trossachs will gradually brighten from the north to bring sunny intervals and more isolated showers.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 25%, improving 75% from the north during the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Overcast with cloud widely 500-750m in the rain with some lower patches then becoming more broken from the north later bases lifting 900m, though Arran holding on to the lower cloud into the evening. Poor visibility at times in the rain, becoming mainly good in the north later.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	35/45 SW	37/48 SW	32/41 SW	32/41 SW	28/36 SW	26/35 W	26/34 SW	21/28 SW	19/24 SW
900	25/34 SW	25/35 SW	22/29 SW	22/29 SW	19/26 W	19/27 W	19/27 W	15/22 W	12/17 SW
600	29/37 SW	31/41 SW	24/32 SW	25/32 SW	19/27 SW	20/28 SW	20/28 SW	15/22 SW	12/17 SW
300	15/24 SW	17/26 SW	14/23 SW	13/21 SW	9/15 W	12/19 SW	10/17 SW	8/14 SW	7/11 S
Glen	10/23 SW	13/27 SW	10/23 SW	10/22 SW	8/17 W	10/21 W	8/19 W	6/15 W	4/8 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	3/-4	4/-3	4/-2	4/-2	3/-3	3/-3	3/-4	2/-3	2/-3
900	5/-0	6/1	6/2	6/2	6/1	6/1	5/0	5/0	5/1
600	8/2	8/4	9/4	8/4	8/3	8/4	7/3	7/3	7/4
300	10/7	10/7	11/8	10/8	10/8	10/8	10/7	9/7	9/7
Glen	11/9	12/10	12/10	12/10	12/10	12/11	11/10	11/10	10/10
Freezing Level*	1700m	1900m	1900m	2000m	1800m	1700m	1600m	1600m	1600m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Nothing extra

Forecast for Thursday 05 Oct 2023

Weather: Cloud and occasional rain returning north in early hours. The day cloudy with further outbreaks of rain through the day, some on the heavy side. Rain possibly turning light and drizzly in the evening but with extensive poor visibility and lower cloud.

Maximum wind: South or southwest 30 gusts 45mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10%

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud at 500-750m lowering to 300-500m later with occasionally poor visibility even away from cloud in drizzly rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 13 Celsius rising to Plus 15
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius rising to Plus 8
Freezing level: Above the summits.